



MINUTES

CHARLOTTE COUNTY MARINE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, February 13, 2020

9:30 a.m.

Charlotte County Administration Center
18500 Murdock Circle, Room 119
Port Charlotte, FL 33948

1. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Chair Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Roll Call

Upon the roll being called it was determined a quorum was present.

3. Chairman's Comments

A. REMINDER TO ALL VISITORS ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE: PLEASE SIGN IN. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes. A clipboard and a pen are provided on the podium for your convenience.

B. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS STATE THEIR NAME AND ORGANIZATION and TO USE THE MICROPHONE WHEN ADDRESSING THE COMMITTEE. It is helpful when preparing the Minutes

C. REMINDER TO ALL MEMBERS, STAFF AND VISITORS TO PLEASE SILENCE THEIR CELL PHONES.

4. Changes to the Agenda

None offered.

5. Citizen Comments on Agenda Items

None offered.

6. Regular Business

A. Approval of the Minutes of the Pre-Agenda Meeting from February 6, 2020
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

B. Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting from January 9, 2020.
Additions, Corrections or Deletions, none offered; Approved as submitted, by acclamation.

C. MSBU Update – Matt Logan

Mr. Logan provided both the MSBU Update Report and Mr. Poff's Beach Renourishment Update:

- Gulf Cove is now complete, and the project is being closed out.

Mr. McIntosh asked about the new pass in Alligator Creek; with **Mr. Logan** stating he has not received a conclusion from the City of Punta Gorda. Regarding Marker 10 they want to move forward with a spot dredge in the access channel.

- Buena Vista – A Grant Application will be submitted to assist with the Sunrise Channel.
- Manchester Waterway – The spot dredge will continue; along with back filling deep holes within the system.
- Manasota Key Beach Renourishment Project – Great Lakes is under contract. There is some activity along the beach; and they are in the process of constructing and laying their subline. Great Lakes is in place, mobilizing and starting construction next week. They will start at the Charlotte County line moving south; then moving north to the Sarasota County side. They will be off Manasota Key prior to nesting season and will then move to Don Pedro Island, May 14, 2020 – May 20, 2020.

Mr. Blago asked how firm the construction schedule is; with **Mr. Logan** explaining it is all dependent on weather. Everything is in place as far as construction. There will be one gap in Charlotte County due to omissions from the ECL. The ECL has been recorded. The Offshore Submerged Lands Easement document is pending; once recorded we will have our notice to proceed.

Kyle Construction hopes to mobilize mid-April for the mitigation Reef component.

- Northwest Port Charlotte – Coastal is under contract; we are working on the final design template. The upper portions have not been dredged in about six years.
- Pirate Harbor – The project is complete; the signing and marking department is working to finalize everything so seagrass buoys and navigational markers can be moved to mark the water.
- South Gulf Cove – Working on permitting of the parallel lock.
- Stump Pass – State Cost Sharing Funds require tilling; the tilling will be done by April 15th.

Commissioner Deutsch explained that he has requested that they relook at the South Gulf Cove Lock; and what we are going to do regarding the existing lock. The BCC should be workshopping this within the next couple of months. The Commissioner thanked Roger DeBruler and the crew for a great job with the recent regatta.

Mr. Falesch asked if the bathymetric survey of Pirate Harbor was complete; with **Mr. Logan** stating it has been completed. Mr. Falesch explained that homeowners have complained that the dredging is deep only in about 20 – 30% of the channel, in the center. It slopes up rather quickly on both sides.

Mr. Logan stated this has been discussed at the MSBU meeting and it appears the channel is not properly marked. The channel was realigned with this dredging to minimize impact to the seagrass on either side. We are working to get navigational aids installed. The same width recorded has been there. The Channel markers are wider than the permitted channel. The new dredging had to be matched with the existing interior and exterior. The channel markers are wider than the channel itself and we need to move them in and mark the channel correctly.

D. Budget Update – Jim Darden

Mr. Darden provided an update report, stating that the FY21 grant applications have been uploaded to the website; \$1.7 million in grant applications have been received. The MAC Grant Application meeting will be held in March.

Speakers may attend the March MAC meeting regarding grant applications; **Mr. Blago** suggested someone from the Punta Gorda Police Department attend to speak about the Derelict Vessel Program. **Mr. Wilson** asked that someone from the Sherriff's Marine Patrol attend regarding motor requests.

Mr. Wilson asked about the floating docks request with **Mr. Welsh** explaining they are day docks to be placed behind the Four Points Hotel. It is assumed the Learn to Sail docks will be behind the boat club.

Mr. Darden asked about the shared lease arrangement for the docks behind the Four Points Hotel; with a private entity paying for half of the cost of the structure. A legal opinion was suggested. It was also suggested that the owner or manager of the Four Points Hotel attend the March MAC meeting.

Mr. Darden asked Mr. Welsh for a draft copy of the lease with the Four Points Hotel.

Mr. Darden stated a Fiscal Report will be distributed next month and explained that the CCSO motor rotations will continue based on the County 5-year plan.

Mr. Welsh asked if we need a representative from the Englewood Beach Waterfest to attend?

Mr. McIntosh asked about the Balances and Overages, stating he did not see the WCIND \$180,000 and questioned what CNIF was.

Mr. Darden explained that WCIND has two programs, the County Navigation Improvement Fund and the Boater Improvement Program. We apply grants primarily to the Waterway Development Program (WCIND); monies not used goes into the County's Navigation Improvement Fund (CNIF). With anticipated revenue of 2020, we should have \$1.3 million in reserves which exceeds the \$1 million recommended to be held for emergencies.

Mr. Strube explained the special devise the handicapped use to sail the boats; stating the boat purchased this year has been used and enjoyed.

Mr. Bobko asked about the costs for aids to navigation, maintenance to navigation and Blueways trails; with **Mr. Logan** explaining maintenance is for replacing dayboards and picking up signs that have been struck, new installations is for piles and markers and Blueways is Charlotte County Parks which is separate.

Mr. Falesch asked where the numbers come from; with **Mr. Dryer** stating a lot is based on historic activity. We have one marine crew that handles maintenance and debris removal can be expensive.

E. Derelict Vessel Report – Roger DeBruler

Mr. DeBruler provided a Derelict Vessel Update Report:

A list was provided with Mr. DeBruler adding vessel AV-93 Shackleford located at the Coral Creek entrance to the Gasperilla Marina. The owner of AV-93 was previously found guilty of abandonment. The FWC has re-opened the case for removal. The Purple Haze has been pulled off the seagrass bed and needs to be removed from the list.

Discussion ensued as to Derelict Vessels and Punta Gorda's Derelict Vessel Program Grant Application.

F. Community Services Update – Tina Powell

Ms. Powell provided a Community Services Update Report:

- Six (6) new park entrance signs:
 - Ainger Creek Boat Ramp
 - Ainger Creek Fishing Pier
 - Bayshore Live Oak Point
 - Englewood Beach
 - Live Oak Park'
 - Placida
- Five (5) projects managed by facilities:
 - Ainger Creek Park Redevelopment
 - IRMA repairs for Allapatchee Park
 - Placida Boat Ramp expansion sales tax project
 - Port Charlotte Beach Sailing Center sales tax project
 - William R. Gaines Veterans Memorial Park
- Englewood Beach Chadwick parking spaces will be designated for staging areas for the renourishment project.
- Gaines Park will be closed 02/20/20 – 02/21/2020. In preparation for construction a gopher tortoise relocation will be done and access to the new kayak launch will be closed for two days.

Discussion ensued as to future options for the Bayshore Pier. **Ms. Powell** explained that WCIND Funding is available if it is within a Marine Park; or the project is categorized as Marine Park.

Coastal is doing a structural assessment of every boardwalk and fishing pier in the Charlotte County Park System. Charlotte County is looking to institute preventative maintenance.

7. New Business

A. MAC Application, Punta Gorda Boaters Alliance – Robert Hickey

Mr. Strube made a motion to recommend **Mr. Hickey** as a member of the MAC to the Board of County Commissioners, second by **Mr. Welsh**; the motion passed unanimously.

8. Old Business

None offered.

9. Other Business

Mr. Darden stated the Fiscal Report as mentioned earlier was available

10. Citizen Comments

None offered.

11. Good of the Order

None offered.

12. Next Meetings

- The next **Pre-Agenda Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 5, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in the **Room B-106**.

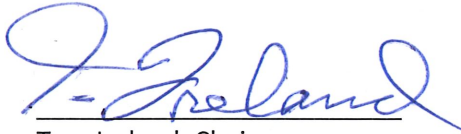
- The next **Regular Meeting** will be held Thursday, March 12, 2020 at 9:30 a.m. in **Room 119**.

13. Adjournment

Mr. Strube made a motion to adjourn, second by **Ms. Campanella**, the motion passed unanimously.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:48 a.m.

Minutes Approved

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Tom Ireland, Chair